UNIT 16: BREEZY BAY

MANAGEMENT INTENT

State lands will be managed to allow two permanent resource transfer sites, one in North Bay and one in Breezy Bay. Topography requires that most of the uplands along the coast will be A-frame logged, so A-frame breakout points will be allowed. Mineral resource development will be accommodated with potential transfer facility locations in North Bay and Breezy Bay and various exploration access locations throughout the unit.

This unit contains important commercial salmon harvest areas. There are scattered areas important for subsistence harvest of abalone. The unit will be managed to maintain fish and wildlife habitat and harvest activities.

Habitat is designated a secondary use in some important fish and wildlife habitat or harvest areas (Hc). This will be considered in siting and managing all activities directly related to shore-attached facilities where there are primary designations for forestry and mining. Appropriate siting or operating stipulations (which may include timing restrictions) will be considered to mitigate negative impacts on the habitat resources and to meet the management intent for this unit. Even where habitat is designated a secondary use in important fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas (Hc), it will be managed as a primary use when reviewing proposals for uses that are not directly related to or necessary for the operation of a shore-attached facility where there is a primary designation of forestry or mining. The important habitat resources are shrimp and waterfowl and seabird concentration areas in Farallon Bay and north of Hassler Pt. Managers should check the fish and wildlife habitat maps for specific locations of these habitat areas.

Designation of state tidelands for public recreation use does not confer the right to use private uplands for public recreation.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY USES

Refer to the land use designation map for primary and secondary uses and fish and wildlife ratings.

PROHIBITED USES

- Floathomes
- Mineral location in mapped crucial fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas.
- Filling state tidelands and submerged lands for residential purposes.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

- Consolidation of Log Transfer Sites in North Bay. Log transfer activities in North Bay will be consolidated at one site, and all upland owners will use that site unless it is determined that use of more than one site is a more feasible and prudent alternative considering impacts to upland and marine fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas. The site previously used on the south shore of North Bay, in Section 7, should be evaluated before a different site is chosen in North Bay.
- A-frame Breakout Points on the North Shore of North Bay. To avoid conflicts with purse seine hookoff points, A-frame breakout points will, to the extent feasible and prudent, be located west of Hassler Point at the mouth of North Bay.
- Consolidation of Resource Transfer Sites in Breezy Bay. Log and mineral transfer facilities will be consolidated at one site on the south shore of Breezy Bay unless it is determined that more than one site is a more feasible and prudent alternative considering impacts to upland and marine fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas. Before allowing an additional transfer facility for minerals in the unnamed bay south of Breezy Bay, land managers will ensure that the option of consolidating mineral transfer and log transfer facilities in Breezy Bay has been evaluated and rejected as not feasible and prudent. However, access for mineral exploration will be allowed from the south shore of the unnamed bay south of Breezy Bay.
- A-frame Logging in Breezy Bay. An A-frame breakout point will be allowed on the east side of the small island at the head of Breezy Bay. To the extent feasible and prudent, managers will avoid placing A-frame breakout points elsewhere on the island.
- Conflicts Between Commercial Fishing and A-frame Logging. To the extent feasible and prudent, managers will use siting or timing restrictions to avoid conflicts between A-frame logging and purse seine hookoff points and to minimize conflicts with other commercial fishing activities.
- Anchorages. Use of the anchorages depicted on the land use designation map will not be precluded.
- Developed Recreation Facilities in Crucial Habitat and Harvest Areas. Based on available information, developed recreation facilities are initially determined incompatible within mapped crucial fish and wildlife areas. A specific proposal for a developed recreation facility may be considered for compatibility based on its design or on new habitat information.

FISH AND WILDLIFE INFORMATION

Nine anadromous fish stream outlets are located in the unit. Tlevak Strait is an intensive commercial seine and troll fishery area, and a feeding concentration area for waterfowl and seabirds, some of which breed on Forrester Island. Juvenile salmon rear along the coastline. Two harbor seal concentration areas are located in the unit.

Productive pink and chum salmon streams are at the head of Breezy Bay and the stream just south of Breezy Bay. The inner part of the Bay, west of the unnamed island, is shallow and productive habitat. Subsistence harvest of Dungeness crab takes place in the Bay. There are seasonal concentrations of waterfowl and harvest areas in Breezy Bay.

North Bay and Farallon Bay provide habitat for shrimp concentrations.